



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Turner Jr. *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/641,831 Examiner: C.J. Myers
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LEX-0035-USA
Title: Novel Human Channel Protein and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of application Serial No: 09/641,831 and as a result, request withdraw of the pending Notice of Appeal, filed on November 4, 2002 and received on November 7, 2002. Applicants Appeal Brief was thus first due on January 7, 2003 and a Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including March 7, 2003 and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Along with this request for continued examination Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment and request reconsideration of the application in view of this amendment and remarks. Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENTS

Please add new claims 7-12.

-7. (NEW) A recombinant expression vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 2.